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pseudoephedrine base. So a person can purchase one 1,440-milligram package in a 24-hour period. It requires the product be stored behind the counter or in a locked case. Requires that the product can only be sold by someone 19 years That's similar to alcohol sales. of age or older. that the purchaser must be 18 years of age. That's the same as tobacco products. Requires the customer show proof of ID, but does not require the merchant to verify the validity of that ID. It limits the amount of product...oh, I said that already, 1,440 milligrams in a 24-hour period. It harmonizes the penalties between those exceptionally hazardous drugs, i.e., cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin. And it enhances the someone who manufactures for distributes methamphetamine if they use a firearm during that conduct. This particular amendment that we're dealing with states that a customer must show an identification--operator's license, or state ID card as proof of identification. And that's the amendment that we're working on, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Beutler, would you give us a quick review on your amendment to the divided committee amendments? You may go. You may proceed. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Am I on, Senator Cudaback?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You are. Sorry about that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't feel very turned on. But it's kind of old stuff getting back to this bill. (Laugh) You may recall that we had a discussion of some length in the prior debate with respect to the efficacy of a log. Many states, you may recall, have...require a log-in with respect to the purchase of these types of items. And the amendment simply picked up the language from the green copy bill which itself had the log requirement. So that's where we are in the debate. And I won't get further into the arguments at this point. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the review on both the bill and the committee amendments and the amendment to the committee amendments. Open for discussion.